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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: LUPKE, Manfred A. A., et al

For:  PIPE WITH COUPLING CONFORMING TO PIPE  
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Attention: Examiner Eric Nicholson

Dear Sir:

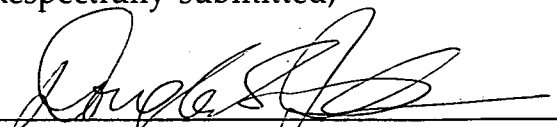
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

We have received, in a corresponding PCT application, a Search Report which was mailed on January 21, 2000. A copy of the cover page of the Search Report as well as a copy of the documents considered to be relevant with the comments by the searcher (i.e. letter coding) is enclosed. We have also enclosed copies of each reference and a completed form PTO-1449.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

In addition to the above, we have not yet received the examination results of the above application. We therefore request Examiner to advise us as to when the application is expected to reach examination.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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